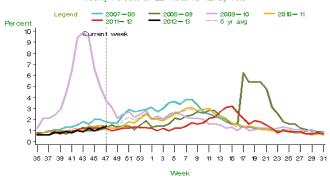
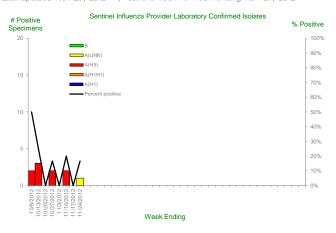


Influenza continues to be detected at low levels in King County. Initial positive specimens from outpatient surveillance have been identified as influenza A(H3). The proportion of hospital rapid antigen tests positive for flu increased during weeks 46 and 47, where almost all positives identified influenza A. The proportion of emergency department visits attributed to influenza-like illness increased among children ages 2 - 17, and also slightly among adults age 18 - 44. The University of Washington Virology Laboratory data show that rhinovirus is declining, while parainfluenza, respiratory syncytial virus, influenza A, adenovirus and human metapneumovirus are increasing.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since October 1, 2011
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	0
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	6	62
Proportion Positive for Influenza	16.7%	Season Peak: 50.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	0	9
A (Unknown)	1	1
B	0	0
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	8	Weekly Average: 9
Number of Specimens Submitted	254	Weekly Average: 176
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	7.1%	Season Peak: 8.0%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like		
Iliness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	1.4%	Season Peak: 1.4%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	3.9%	
National Epidemic Threshold	6.7%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 0
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)	0	0
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	0
Weekly Percent of ED Visits for ILI by Year		Weekly Proportion of ED Visits for Influenza—Like Illness By Age Group
Legend - 2007-08 - 2008-09 - 2009-10 - 2010-	11	by Age Gloup



All ages Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period Last updated Nov 29, 2012 ; 'current week' is week ending Nov 24, 2012





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## Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance: www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance: http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2012-13.pdf

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update: www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

National Influenza Update: www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update: www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/